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Madam:

Applicant acknowledges receipt of the Office Action dated December 1, 2006, and in reply submits the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to Drawings begin on page 7 of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.